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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael J. Dietz, II

Application No.: 09/003,003

Filed: January 5, 1998

For: ELECTRONIC SECOND SPIN  
SLOT MACHINE

Examiner: Michael O'Neal

Art Unit: 3713

### AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed November 3, 1999, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for three months from February 3, 2000 to May 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claim 14, without prejudice.~~

~~Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 13, 15, 18, 20 and 21 as follows:~~

*b7* ~~1. (Amended) A method of operating an electronic gaming apparatus having a plurality of symbols arrayed in multiple symbol columns and rows on its monitor comprising the steps of:~~

*b7* ~~selecting initial symbols to be arrayed in said multiple symbol columns and rows;~~

*b7* ~~displaying the initial symbols selected in an array of multiple symbol columns and rows on said monitor;~~

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